MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether the said individual has had any occasion to show his merit to the Government or whether the Government had any occasion to try his merit by entrusting him with a Sirkar case,—a case in which Sirkar interests are involved ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

The Anchal-Kunnikod road.

47. MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the opening of a road from Kunnikod to Anchal has been sanctioned ;

(*b*) whether any work towards the same has been done ; and

(*c*) if not, why nothing has been done in the matter ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The member is referred to answer to interpellation No. 63, part (*b*), given on page 173 of Vol. XX of the *Legislative Council Proceedings*, dated the 18th December, 1931.

(*b*) No work has been done.

(*c*) The member is referred to the answer to part (*a*) above.

Powers of appointment of Divisional Forest Officers.

48. MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the highest grade of appointments that were within the powers of the Divisional Forest Officers before the reorganisation of 1098 ;

(*b*) whether these appointments are even now made by such officers ;

(*c*) if not, in whom such powers are vested since the reorganisation of 1098 ;

(*d*) the circumstances under which such powers are not allowed to be exercised by the Divisional Forest Officers ;

(*e*) whether these circumstances continue to exist now; and

(*f*) if they do not exist now, the reason why the Divisional Forest Officers are not allowed to exercise these powers ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Up to Rs. 15.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) to (*f*) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).

Statement, by caste, of appointments made by the Conservator of Forests.

49. MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of appointments in the different grades and classes of posts made by the Conservator of Forests since the reorganisation of 1098 ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The statement* is laid on the table.

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